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Possible Reactions to Quarantine

1. Soviets announce intention to run blockade and heightened likelihood of general nuclear war to press UN for a revocation of U. S. action, at least temporarily.

2. Soviets attempt portray crisis as one involving strong U. S. versus weak Cuba, with USSR as protection of the weak.

3. Soviets don't deny, but neither acknowledge, Soviet offensive missiles and aircraft in Cuba, and seek to exploit politically "illegality" of U. S. action as counter to international law, UN Charter, etc.

4. Soviets implicitly acknowledge offensive weapons systems in Cuba, but try to establish case that "offensive" weapons in Cuba serve "defensive" purposes, i.e., that a Cuba capability to attack U. S. is only means for "weak" Cuba to defend against "strong" U. S.

5. Soviets relate Soviet offensive missiles in Cuba to U. S. offensive missiles in overseas bases. Seek to establish case Soviets had long kept offensive missiles, within own territory but had established them in overseas bases only in response to past Soviet moves.

6. Soviets stress foreign base issue, tie it in with their disarmament program, seek to harness world support behind the idea that dismantling all foreign bases is essential to "world peace". Soviet indicate willingness to remove offensive missiles in Cuba provided U. S. does same in overseas bases.

7. Soviets indicate willingness to negotiate, possibly with broad demands narrowing down, in time, to a quid pro quo on a more limited and selective basis (possibly IRBM's in Turkey and Italy).

8. Soviets permit, as contribution to "peace", U. S. search of Bloc ships en route to Cuba, but returned to home ports, before reaching

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blockade area, ships containing offensive weapons systems.

9. A Soviet ship refuses search, is disabled, and Soviets use as ammunition in UN to buttress Soviet case of "illegal" and "reckless" action of U. S. - all in atmosphere of threats of general war, etc. (Ship selected by Soviets for this trial case might quite likely be loaded with economic goods to strengthen case in eyes of the world).

10. After having established U. S. use of force re one, or a few, ships for backup of case in UN, Soviets continue supplies, excluding offensive weapon systems, to Cuba to bolster Cuban economy and continue "defensive" buildup.

11. Soviets relate Berlin with Cuba, and tighten squeeze on Berlin access routes in proportion to U. S. actions in blockade.

12. Soviets sink U. S. ships on a one for one basis for Soviet Bloc ships lost in U. S. blockade of Cuba.

13. Soviets assert they have given missiles to Cuba, and cannot demand their return.

14. Soviets exert severe pressures, on Turkey, Iran.

15. Soviets take aggressive actions against Iran.

16. Soviets give go-ahead to Chicom and North Vietnam to introduce "volunteers" into South Vietnam.

17. Soviets drop tenuous link with India and give Chicom assurances of full support in their Indian aggression.

18. Soviets continue to move MRBM's into Cuba by cargo subs (is this possible).

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